

Bloomington Arts Commission
Wednesday, February 11, 2015 5pm
McCloskey Conference Room, City Hall

MINUTES

Present: Jan Grant, Peter Jacobi, Craig Widen, Paul Sturm, Alain Barker, Martina Celerin, Abby Perfetti, Jean Kautt, Francesca Sobrer, Sally Gaskill, Lynn Schwartzberg

Absent:

Ex Officio: Miah Michaelson, Sarah Mihich

Call to Order: Jan Grant, 5:00pm

January Minutes

- Martina Celerin: change “grand report” to “grant report”; “Final grant reports from 2013” are *due* from those organizations
- Peter Jacobi moves to approve as amended; Martina seconds. Motion passes.

Treasurer’s Report

1. Fund # 402: Municipal Arts
 - a. Current Balance \$ 74,385.66
 - b. Projected Changes in the Near Term: This account will pay an approximately \$12,000.00 +/- bill for the Gateway Public Art Project
 - c. Account Background: Originally established in the early 1990s as an outcome of the Percentage for the Arts Ordinance. It is for Public Art Only.
2. Fund # 403: Arts Commission Operating Account
 - a. Current Balance \$ 8,327.34
 - b. Projected Changes in the Near Term: This account is predominantly a pass-through account used for programming. In keeping with its predominant role, we will receive approximately \$ 980.00 for a 2014 Indiana Arts Commission grant followed by a \$4,000.00 2015 IAC state grant as well. Both deposits will simply pass through this account.
 - c. Account Background: Originally established in the early 1990s as the Postcard Fund. It had money allocated every two years.
 - d. Important to Note: It has taken a fair amount of time to grow this account to \$8,000+. If this account were to be exhausted, it would cease to exist (isn’t replenished on a regular basis). Additionally, we have the ability to utilize other City department partners to help facilitate private monies for public art projects (i.e. Deb Wehman's \$ 7,000.00 donation for an art project on the Clear Creek Trail will pass through the Bloomington Parks Foundation). Furthermore, we are funded an additional \$ 20,000.00 annually from the City of Bloomington for our arts granting. The BAC granting has recently gone from twice annually to once every April.

New Business

- Advocacy
 - Miah Michaelson asked Danise Alano-Martin and Bloomington Legal Department about how much the BAC can advocate or participate in politics.
 - The Bloomington Arts Commission may provide information (share documents) but cannot advocate for any particular action, or make a specific request, or ask candidates to speak before them, or hold a forum.
 - Independently as citizens, commissioners may communicate with each other and with candidates.
 - If a commissioner goes to a political event, better to not wear your BAC nametag and represent the BAC.
 - Sally Gaskill encourages commissioners to act as advocates (as a citizen) over the next several months.
 - Miah will send BAC documents (strategic plan, PAMP, budget) and meeting times to all candidates on behalf of the BAC. All communications with them will be run through Danise Alano-Martin
 - Alain Barker: Sending the budget could suggest that BAC is doing fine with the amount of money we currently have.
 - Jan Grant: Make a point of saying that we're sending it to all candidates.
 - Sally: Ask if they have an arts issues statement, if we're allowed to ask that
- Buskirk-Chumley Theater funding issues
 - Sally Gaskill talked with Susan Sandberg about how to pursue this issue
 - BAC could send a letter to the City administration, the City Council, and the Herald-Times expressing BAC's position that the BCT is an important community asset.
 - Martina: Suggest in letter that the City should find a sustainable way to support the BCT
 - Miah will first discuss with the Administration
 - Paul Sturm has been meeting with Danielle McClelland to help the BCT fundraise more effectively – notes on those discussions are attached to these minutes.

Old Business

- Business and the Arts – Chamber of Commerce
 - Craig Widen: Talk with Smithville to see if we can contribute to their arts efforts while impacting Bloomington, not Ellettsville
 - Paul Sturm: Begin talks with Hoosier Energy
 - Isn't already involved with the arts; they support social service and education
 - ***Sub-committee will research Hoosier Energy and Smithville and write a template of talking points within next two weeks, which the BAC will***

- approve before contacting the companies.* Include in packet for March meeting.
 - hYPe (Helping Young Professionals Excel) passport to the arts project
 - Miah has reached out to some partners for proposals
- 2015 Arts Project grant guidelines and application/March grant workshop
 - PAMP sub-committee met last week to compare Arts Project Grant guidelines and application with PAMP, made revisions
 - Paul moves to accept the changes; Francesca seconds. Motion passes.
- Public Art Master Plan
 - Has been widely disseminated and downloaded
 - Communications ideas
 - Send to all the major influencers in town
 - Mention to Bloom Magazine

Staff Report

- BEAD
 - Next Meeting: Monday, February 16, noon, McCloskey Room, City Hall.
 - Current Exhibit: Rafael Cronin; March exhibit: Stone Belt Artists
- Public Art
 - S. Walnut – approved paint finish, awaiting revised timeline
 - 17th and Arlington – fabrication underway, working with lighting consultant
 - Arden Place – working with Arden Place on a sculpture installation for their neighborhood
 - People's Park – hope to do maintenance on mosaic tiles this summer
- BUEA
 - Zone Arts Grant deadlines for 2015: May 15 and November 15
- Other
 - Community Arts Awards – Saturday, March 7, Ivy Tech John Waldron Arts Center – 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- IAC Region 8 Grant Deadline – March 4, 2014. Panel – April 28, 2015.

Commissioner Announcements

- Voces Novae concert: March 8 at 5:30pm at UU Church
- Early Music concert: Feb 21 at 7pm, First Presbyterian Church
- Community Engagement and Development Through the Arts: March in Indy
- Downtown Bloomington Inc Annual Awards Ceremony: March 31
- Bloom Artists Showcase: Feb 21
- George Shively Memorial Dedication: April 5 at Rose Hill Cemetery
- Kenari Quartet from Jacobs School is on Performance Today

Adjournment: Jan Grant adjourned at 6:24pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 11 (begins at 4pm)